The Glorious Gospel of Christ

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1Tim. 1:11 According to **the glorious gospel of the blessed God**, which was committed to my trust.

Col 1:11 Strengthened with all might, according to **his glorious power**, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;

1. Glorious in Power
   1. To strengthen you with all His might

“Strengthened with all might, according to **his glorious power”**

Eph 3:16—*That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;* Luke 9:1— *Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.* 10:19*—Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.*

* + 1. All power was given to Jesus

Mt 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Luke 4:14—*And* ***Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit*** *into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about. 9:43—And they were all amazed at the mighty power of God. But while they wondered every one at all things which Jesus did, he said unto his disciples,* 13:17—*And when he had said these things, all his adversaries were ashamed: and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.* Acts10:38*—How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the* ***Holy Ghost and with power****: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.* Rev. 5:13*—And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and* ***power, be unto him*** *that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.*

* + 1. That same power in Christ is to be in us

Acts 4:33—And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all. 2Peter1:3—According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

Eph 1:16 Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;

17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

“that ye may know”… “what is the exceeding greatness of his power”

1. Resurrection Power
2. Overcoming Power
3. Power to go to the Throne

20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

* 1. To strengthen you with fullness of Joy

“Strengthened … with joyfulness”

Romans 15:13—*Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.* John 15:11—*These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.*

16:24—*Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.*

Ac 2:28—*Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance*.

1Peter 1:8—*Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:*

1John 1:4—*And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.*

2John 1:12—*Having many things to write unto you, I would not write with paper and ink: but I trust to come unto you, and speak face to face, that our joy may be full*

1. Glorious in Patience
   1. To strengthen you with all patience
      1. Staying power
      2. Endurance
      3. Patient continuance
   2. To strengthen you with all longsuffering
      1. Forbearance
      2. Forgiving
      3. Fruitful-Selfless
2. Glorious in Longsuffering
   1. Longsuffering with Joyfullness

1Peter 1:6—*Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:*

Romans 8:17*—And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.* 18—*For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.*

*19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.*

*20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,*

*21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the* ***glorious liberty*** *of the children of God.*

2Cor. 4:17*—For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;*

2Tim. 2:12*—If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:*

1. Glorious in Liberty

Romans 8:21*—Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the* ***glorious liberty*** *of the children of God.*

2Co 3:7 But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away: 8 How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious? 10 For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of **the glory that excelleth.** 11 For if that which is done away was glorious, much more that which remaineth **is glorious**.

Php 3:21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his **glorious body**, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

Titus 2:13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

Eph 5:27 That he might present it to himself **a glorious church**, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

John 12:37—*But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him:*

*38 That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?*

*39 Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again,*

*40 He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.*

*41 These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him.*

Isaiah 53:1—*Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?*

Unbelief doesn’t make sense

Unbelief rejects miracles

“*though he had done so many miracles”*

*“though he had done so many miracles before them”*

*“yet they believed not on him”-kept on doubting while He Healed them*

*State of unbelief-blindness-hard heartedness-bitterness-selfish*

Unbelief rejects Revelation

Report is of the Lord-the Message of God- The Son of God-JESUS.

Unbelief denies the Power of God

The Arm of the Lord

Unbelief breaks the heart of the Messenger ---one day Jesus Jn. 11:35

The greatest revelation of the cross experience in the Old Testament

JESUS sent , Preaching the Word, giving the report, heralding the truth

Healing the sick, raising the dead, opening the eyes of the blind

Mat.4:23—*And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.*

9:35*—And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.*

Luke 9:6*—And they departed, and went through the towns, preaching the gospel, and healing every where.*

*11—And the people, when they knew it, followed him: and he received them, and spake unto them of the kingdom of God, and healed them that had need of healing.*

1. A man believes on God—truly believes only when he believes on Jesus Christ. Christ is the Mediator, bridge builder between God and man. If a man wishes to approach God, the only living and true God, he can do so only by believing on Christ first. When a man claims to believe in God apart from Christ, he is believing in a god of imagination, a god of his own making
2. A man sees God only through seeing Jesus Christ.

John 12:45 And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me.

14:9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? ***he that hath seen me hath seen the Father***; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

1. A man is delivered from spiritual darkness, blindness only through Jesus Christ

John 12:46 I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

8:12—*Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.*

Acts10:38—*How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.*

1Cor. 12:9 –*To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;*

12:30*—Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?*

Rev. 22:2*—In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.*

2Cor. 1:21*—Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God;*

22*—Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.*

*James 5:16—Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.*

The god of this world

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Joh 12:31 Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.

Joh 14:30 Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.

Joh 16:11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

Eph 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

Eph 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Php 3:19 Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)

Col 1:13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

2Co 3:14 But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ.

Ac 26:18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

1Pe 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: